



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

201 East 69th Street

New York, New York

November 7, 1957

Re: Laszlo Tabori

George Telegdy, 670 West End Avenue, New York City, Executive Secretary, Hungarian National Sports Federation, 1532 York Avenue, New York City, advised on November 6, 1957 that he had received information to the effect that Laszlo Tabori, the well known Hungarian mile runner, is planning to return to Hungary. Tabori entered the United States along with other Hungarian Olympic athletes who defected at Melbourne, Australia during the 1956 Olympic Games.

Telegdy received a letter from Tabori's coach, Mihaly Igloi, 905 East 11th Street, Apartment 3, Oakland, California, who wrote that in spite of the fact that Tabori is doing well in the United States (He has a car, movie camera and a good job), he plans to return to Hungary because of offers by the Hungarian government of more sports possibilities.

According to Telegdy, Tabori, who now resides at 2205 West 6th Street, Room 508, Los Angeles, California, has a sister and brother-in-law living in the United States. His mother and father, however, reside in Hungary.

Telegdy advised that Igloi used to reside with Tabori in Los Angeles and probably influenced Tabori to remain in the United States. But now Igloi resides in Oakland and Tabori does not have his restraining influence. Telegdy had no information that coercion was being used by the Hungarian government against Tabori, but suspected such might be the case because of the propaganda value which the Hungarian government could gain if Tabori returned.

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LASZLO TABORI
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Enclosed herewith are six copies of report of
SA WILLIAM A. COMENDET, dated as above, at San Francisco.

This report is marked ~~confidential~~ because information
contained therein was taken from INS file marked ~~confidential~~.

Information copies sent to Los Angeles and New York
because of previous interest in this case.

REFERENCE: San Francisco airtel to Bureau, dated 11/27/57.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: November 13, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: LA 210 TLABORI
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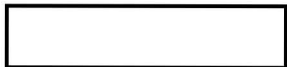
You are authorized to immediately interview captioned subject in accordance with existing Bureau regulations regarding interviews of security subjects. You should furnish the results of the interview and all background information developed to date in a form suitable for dissemination.

In view of the fact that subject may depart US in the near future, this matter should receive your prompt and continued attention. During the course of the interview you should specifically determine if any force or coercion is being employed against the subject in order to have him return to Hungary. Should Tlabori advise that he has been subjected to any force or coercion, obtain complete details.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES
RE: LASZLO TABORI,
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Re New York letter to Bureau, dated 11/7/57;
New York airtel to Bureau, dated 11/15/57;
Bulet to Los Angeles, dated 11/13/57.

Re letter dated 11/15/57 reflects that information has been received TABORI now resides at 1027 Delores Street, San Francisco, California. Therefore, San Francisco Office is being considered Office of Origin. It is noted bulet dated 11/15/57 forwards to San Francisco all available information now in possession of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles files contain no further information which could be identified with LASZLO TABORI.

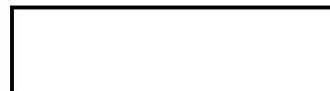
Bulet dated 11/13/57 reflects Bureau authorization for an immediate interview of TABORI in accordance with

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regulations regarding interviews of security subjects. The Bureau directed that the results of the interview and all background information developed to date be furnished in form suitable for dissemination. The Bureau instructed further that "in view of the fact that subject may depart the U.S. in the near future this matter should receive your prompt and continued attention. During the course of the interview you should specifically determine if any force or coercion is being employed against the subject in order to have him returned to Hungary. Should TABORI advise that he has been subjected to any force or coercion, obtain complete details."

INS, Los Angeles, being advised by separate communication. - RUC -

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, San Francisco

RE: LASZLO TABORI
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Re San Francisco teletype 11/22/57.

INS, San Francisco has interviewed TABORI, who now states he wants 30 days more to think over whether he will ask to return to Hungary, and at the present time he is undertaking training for some races. Official status as of this date is that TABORI has not decided to return to Hungary, and securing of adequate employment may cause him to decide to remain. No pressure has been brought on him to return.

INS is working through sponsor who is attempting to keep TABORI satisfied.

UACB, interview of TABORI not contemplated by this office, inasmuch as INS is following matter very closely.

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RENY airtel 11/7/57.

It was reported in above referenced airtel that subject resides in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Office was requested to consider interviewing the subject regarding his intention of returning to Hungary, and ascertain if any force or coercion is being employed against him.

GEORGE TELEGDY, 670 West End Avenue, NYC, advised SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK on 11/14/57 that he had received information that TABORI now resides at 1027 Dolores St., San Francisco, California.

Inasmuch as subject now resides in San Francisco, the San Francisco Office is requested to consider interviewing the subject. For the information of San Francisco, TELEGDY advised on 11/6/57 that he had received information that TABORI, the well known Hungarian miler who defected at Melbourne, Australia, was planning to return to Hungary.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a blank memo concerning the data furnished by TELEGDY. Two copies of the memo are enclosed for San Francisco, and one copy is being disseminated locally to INS. Also enclosed for San Francisco are two copies of NYO's blank memo of 11/7/57, containing data furnished by Telegdy on 11/6/57.

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11-13-57.

ReBulet authorized immediate interview of subject
in accordance with existing Bureau regulations regarding
interviews of security subjects. Los Angeles, and San Francisco,
should make every effort to locate Tabori and interview him
as soon as possible as directed by reBulet.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ()
SUBJECT: LASZLO TABORI
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Info received today that TABORI due to arrive in Santa Clara area today looking over employment possibility. He is reportedly under escort by representative of "Time" magazine and a representative of "Sports Illustrated" is also said to be aiding in securing employment for TABORI.

TABORI will be contacted and appointment made to interview him as soon as possible. JOHN GORK, unofficial sponsor of TABORI, now states TABORI appears to have decided to stay in this country. Bureau will be advised promptly of results of interview.

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TABORI located and interviewed this date. He has decided to remain in USA and compete in track events, doing his training at Stanford University. He also is looking over employment opportunities in the Stanford - Santa Clara area. He states he never wanted to return to Hungary but felt he would be forced to, because of lack of opportunity to work and compete in this country. Now claims to be satisfied. No pressure of any kind was ever exerted upon him to cause him to think of returning to Hungary.

MR. ALEX BRODY, acting for C.D. JOHNSON, Vice President of "Time" Inc, has instructions from "Time" to stay with TABORI until he is settled and satisfied. Report will follow.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO	DATE 1/17/58	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/22,26,27;12/3,10/57; 1/10/58
TITLE OF CASE LASZLO TABORI		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET	TYPED BY jr
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - HU HERP	

SYNOPSIS:

LASZLO TABORI is well known Hungarian track star who defected from athletic team to remain in U. S. In 11/57, it was alleged that TABORI intended to return to Hungary. Upon interview in SF, TABORI stated he had decided to remain in the U. S. and to compete in track events. He stated that he never wanted to return to Hungary, but had indicated he might go back because of lack of opportunity to work and compete in this country. Time, Inc. instrumental in securing satisfaction for TABORI.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information received in New York from GEORGE TELEGDY, 670 West End Avenue, New York City, New York, who is Executive Secretary of the Hungarian National Sports Federation, that LASZLO TABORI, the well known Hungarian runner, was planning to return to Hungary. TELEGDY indicated that TABORI was spending his time in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, California.

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On November 7, 1957, this individual had been interviewed by the San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), at which time he was residing at 50 Church Street, San Francisco and employed at the Holland Shoe Repair Shop, 17 Stockton Street, San Francisco, where he was earning \$50.00 a week. He listed his birth date as July 6, 1931, at Kassa, Hungary. He stated that at the Olympic Games in Australia in late 1956, he had been urged by Mr. DON FERRIS of the American Athletic Union to come to the United States to compete in track events. Since TABORI was single, he considered this a good opportunity to see the United States.

He entered San Francisco December 24, 1956, and immediately went to New York where he participated in some track events. He was sponsored by the Sports Illustrated Magazine of New York.

He said it was true that he had been considering returning to Hungary because he had his parents and friends there and he felt alone in the United States. He regularly received letters from his mother and others in Hungary, but no one had ever attempted to coerce him to return to Hungary and any decision would be entirely his own. He said he had heard that some of the returning stars of the athletic teams had been imprisoned and so he did not know if he should go back. He said that as of the time of interview he did not desire to return to Hungary and should he eventually decide to do so he would make application in the regular manner through the INS.

He listed his only relative in the United States as his sister, Mrs. ELIZABETH GALUSZ, 50 Church Street, San Francisco.

TABORI said that he has had five years of elementary and high school education at Abaujszanto, Hungary and three years at the Chikta Technical School at Martfu, Hungary. He served in the Hungarian Army as a lieutenant from October, 1952

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to October, 1954. He said his only organization in Hungary was the Army Club and that he had never been a member of the Communist Party (CP) or any other organization in Hungary.

In view of the information that TABORI intended to return to Hungary, he was interviewed at INS Headquarters on December 11, 1957, by INS Investigators DON SHAW and GEORGE ZAMLICH and SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET, through the services of GEORGETTE SZENDENTRY, official INS interpreter. TABORI said he had returned to San Francisco and was residing with his sister at 50 Church Street, San Francisco, however, he was seeking employment in the Santa Clara, California, area where he could be near Stanford University where he had been given training quarters and the opportunity to work out under PEYTON JORDAN, Stanford track coach, preparatory for some track competition.

TABORI stated that his main interest was in track and he desired to have the opportunity to run. He felt that he had not been getting this opportunity and had thought of returning to Hungary, more because of his disappointment than anything else, however, in the last few weeks conditions had changed and a Mr. ALEX BRODY of the staff of Time, Inc. had come out from New York and had been instrumental in lining up training facilities as well as suitable employment.

TABORI stated that he was now satisfied and would not be going back to Hungary. He reiterated that never had he had any pressure put upon him in favor of his returning to Hungary.

TABORI was questioned about an organization known as the World League of Hungarian Refugee Sportsmen, Vienna, Austria. TABORI's name appeared on its letterhead. The organization was alleged by an unknown source as being headed by MIKLAS SZABO, said to be an AVO employee whose job it was to persuade athletes to return to Hungary. TABORI said he never gave his permission to use his name. He said he has never heard of the organization and had never received any correspondence from it.

ALEX BRODY was questioned separately. He stated he represented C. D. JACKSON, Vice President of Time, Inc., who had given him orders to stay with TABORI until he was satisfied. Included in the group assisting was a Mrs. RICHARD POLLARD, also

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connected with the Time organization. They were also interested in TABORI's coach, a man named MIHALY IGLOI and were trying to get him a coaching job with San Jose State College, San Jose, California, so that he also would be satisfied.

Subject, from observation, is described as follows:

Age:	26
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	140 lbs.
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U.S. Department of Justice

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February 6, 2018

MR. MATTHEW L. HOPPOCK
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OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

FOIPA Request No.: 1407165-000
Subject: TABORI, LASZLO

Dear Mr. Hoppock:

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Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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